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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/671,100, filed September 27, 2000, which is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/07175, filed April 1, 1999, designating the United States of America, which is ~~claiming the priority~~ a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/053,871, filed April 1, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,315,995 B1, issued November 13, 2001, the contents of all of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties ~~by reference~~ into this application.